

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12355–S12460*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2836–2840, and S. Res. 370. **Page S12413**

**Measures Passed:**

*Supporting Civilians Affected by Conflict in Yemen:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 341, supporting peace, security, and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen. **Pages S12459–60**

*Honoring Former Senator Paula F. Hawkins:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 370, relative to the death of Paula F. Hawkins, former United States Senator for the State of Florida. **Page S12460**

**Measures Considered:**

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S12356–S12408**

**Adopted:**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 359), Whitehouse Amendment No. 2870 (to Amendment No. 2786), to promote fiscal responsibility by protecting the Social Security surplus and CLASS program savings in this Act. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S12356, S12395**

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 361), Stabenow Amendment No. 2899 (to Amendment No. 2786), to ensure that there is no reduction or elimination of any benefits guaranteed by law to participants in Medicare Advantage plans. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S12391–95, S12396**

**Withdrawn:**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 360), Thune Amendment No. 2901 (to Amendment No. 2786),

to eliminate new entitlement programs and limit the government control over the health care of American families. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn). **Page S12395**

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 362), Hatch motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the motion be withdrawn). **Pages S12356, S12396–97**

**Pending:**

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12356–S12408**

Lincoln Amendment No. 2905 (to Amendment No. 2786), to modify the limit on excessive remuneration paid by certain health insurance providers to set the limit at the same level as the salary of the President of the United States. **Page S12397**

Johanns motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Saturday, December 5, 2009, with the first three hours following any Leader remarks equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and controlled in 45 minute alternating blocks of time, with the Majority controlling the first block, and with no other motions or amendments in order during the controlled time.

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**National Women's History Museum Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2129, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S12459**